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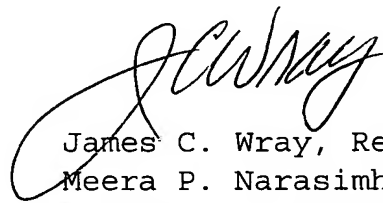
The FAST BUCK slot machine system was apparently used in the mid-1990's at the Mirage and Golden Nugget hotels in Las Vegas. The system apparently linked quarter and dollar machines to compete for the same progressive prize. It is not known how the FAST BUCK slot machine system operates.

The THRILLIONS slot machine system is presently used at Bally's. Apparently this system may have been developed and placed into operation about 1998. The THRILLIONS slot machine system is believed to link at least quarter and dollar machines to compete for the same progressive prize. It is not known how the THRILLIONS slot machine system operates. The methodology of how the THRILLIONS slot machine system operates is maintained as a trade secret. Mr. Torango sought information from Bally's regarding its operation before he died, but was informed by Bally's counsel that there was no infringement of Mr. Torango's intellectual property. Documents produced by Bally's pursuant to an Aristocrat subpoena have been designated as confidential under a protective order in the case.

The methodology of how the FAST BUCK and THRILLIONS slot machine systems operate was and is maintained as a trade secret. The only third party to whom the operation of the systems may have been disclosed is the Nevada State Gaming Control Board pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute 463.120(4) (or its predecessor), which must approve gaming systems before they are implemented in a casino. All information and data are confidential and may be revealed in whole or in part only in the

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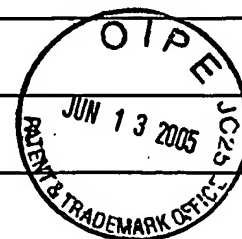
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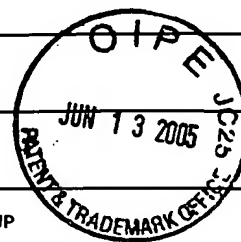
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